



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 16, 2024

Council Members Present: Reeve Roger Konieczny, Division 3
Deputy Reeve Kevin Bentley, Division 7
Councillor Joey Nafziger, Division 1
Councillor Eric Anderson, Division 2
Councillor Cliff Wowdzia, Division 4 (arrived 10:19 am)
Councillor Tara Kuzio, Division 5
Councillor Carl Ogrodnick, Division 6

Administration Present: Pat Podoborzny, Chief Administrative Officer
Jason Warawa, Director of Corporate Services
Norm De Wet, Director of Operations
Mike Fundytus, Director of Protective Services
Davin Gegolick, Director of Planning and Community Services
Audra Kropielnicki, Executive Coordinator

- 1 CALL TO ORDER**
Reeve Konieczny called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- 2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

2024-246
Moved by: Councillor Anderson
THAT the December 16, 2024 regular Council meeting agenda be adopted as presented.
Carried
- 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

3.1 November 18, 2024 County Council Meeting

2024-247
Moved by: Councillor Kuzio
THAT the November 18, 2024, regular Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.
Carried
- 3.2 November 21, 2024 Special Council Meeting

2024-248
Moved by: Deputy Reeve Bentley
THAT the November 21, 2024, Special Council meeting minutes be adopted as presented.
Carried
- 4 DELEGATIONS**
- 5 COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

2024-249
Moved by: Councillor Kuzio
THAT the Council Priorities be accepted as information.
Carried

6 REQUESTS FOR DECISION

6.1 Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework (ICF) Review

2024-250

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT Council approve Administration proceed with negotiations to extend our Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework agreements with our municipal neighbours.

Carried

6.2 Range Road 82 Guardrail Design

2024-251

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council approve ATCO Electric's Design Option 1 for Range Road 82 guardrail design as presented.

Carried

6.3 Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw No. 1359-24

2024-252

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council approve first reading of Bylaw Enforcement Officer Bylaw No. 1359-24.

Carried

6.4 Provincial Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Team Application

2024-253

Moved by: Councillor Kuzio

THAT Council approve Administration submit an application to become a provincial Wildland Interface (WUI) team.

Carried

2024-254

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council approve the purchase of a Sprinkler Protection Unit if successful in application to host a WUI team.

Carried

6.5 Unit 910 Replacement

2024-255

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

THAT Council award Unit 910 Replacement project to Fort Garry Fire Trucks for \$998,480.

Carried

6.6 Disposal of Asset – Antique Fire Truck

2024-256

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT Council approve the sale of 1954 International Fire Truck to the Village of Innisfree for one dollar.

Carried

6.7 PERC and DIRC Application

2024-257

Moved by: Councillor Kuzio

THAT Council approve Administration to apply under the Provincial Education Requisition Credit (PERC) in the amount of \$21,164.24 and Designated Industrial Requisition Credit (DIRC) Program in the amount of \$942.34 to recover previously remitted education and designated industrial property taxes for these properties.

Carried

6.8 Master Rates Bylaw Amendment No. 1358-24

THAT Council approve to give Bylaw No. 1358-24 three readings to amend Master Rates Bylaw No. 1281-19 which establishes fees, rates and charges for various services.

2024-258

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

THAT Bylaw 1358-24 be given first reading.

Carried

2024-259

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT Bylaw 1358-24 be given second reading.

Carried

2024-260

Moved by: Councillor Ogradnick

THAT Council unanimously and in full agreement give Bylaw 1358-24 third reading.

Carried

2024-261

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT Bylaw 1358-24 be given third reading.

Carried

6.9 2025 Preliminary Budget

2024-262

Moved by: Councillor Kuzio

THAT Council approve the 2025 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budget as presented.

Carried

Councillor Wowdzia entered the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

6.10 MD of Minburn Foundation

2024-263

Moved by: Councillor Kuzio

THAT the County of Minburn commits \$1,883,160 to the MD of Minburn Foundation which represents 58.8% of the total municipal share required to fully fund the Lodge project once the remainder of the funding is in place from the Affordable Housing Partnership Program and CMHC loan.

Carried

2024-264

Moved by: Councillor Ogradnick

THAT the County of Minburn commits to collect 58.8% of the \$100,000 above current MD of Minburn Foundation requisition levels, for as long as required, to support the repayment of the \$15,591,500 CMHC loan at the time operations of the Lodge project comes into effect.

Carried

2024-265

Moved by: Councillor Ogradnick

THAT Council direct Administration to research funding and/or borrowing options for the MD of Minburn Foundation Lodge Expansion project.

Carried

6.11 2025 Joint Election Agreements with School Divisions

2024-266

Moved by: Councillor Anderson

THAT Council approve entering into joint agreements with the school jurisdiction with the County agreeing to conduct the school elections in the 2025 municipal election if required.

Carried

Councillor Wowdzia left meeting at 10:25 a.m.

6.12 Council Remuneration 2025

2024-267

Moved by: Deputy Reeve Bentley

THAT Council decline a Cost of Living Adjustment increase for 2025.

Carried

Councillor Wowdzia entered the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

6.13 2025 CAO Salary

2024-268

Moved by: Councillor Nafziger

THAT Council approve the salary adjustment for the Chief Administrative Officer as agreed upon at the COW Closed Session on December 11, 2024.

Carried

7 REPORTS

- 7.1 Reeve
- 7.2 Council
- 7.3 CAO
- 7.4 Operations
- 7.5 Planning and Community Services
- 7.6 Protective Services

Reeve Konieczny adjourned meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

7.7 Corporate Services

2024-269

Moved by: Councillor Wowdzia

THAT Council accepts the reports as presented.

Carried

8 CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 **Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Response Letter to Wheatland County re Advocacy Efforts**

Copy of letter to Wheatland County was received from FCM on their advocacy efforts on rural and regional issues and their ongoing commitment to represent all municipalities.

8.2 **Minister of Public Safety Letter to Town of Vegreville re Police Governance**

Town of Vegreville Letter provided a letter they received from the Minister of Alberta Public Safety and Emergency Services on legislative changes to police governance that may affect our community.

8.3 **Innisfree School Council Thank You**

Thank you card from Innisfree School Council for financial support received from the County for a crosswalk.

2024-270

Moved by: Councillor Ogrodnick
THAT Council accept the correspondence as information.

Carried

9 COUNCILLOR REQUESTS (Information Requests and Notices of Motion)

9.1 Action Item List

2024-271

Moved by: Councillor Kuzio
THAT Council accept the Action Item List as information.

Carried

2024-272

Moved by: Councillor Ogrodnick
THAT Council directs Administration to provide RMA Regional District 5 with an agenda item for the January 2025 meeting on continuing funding to FCM membership.

Carried

10 CLOSED SESSION

11 OPEN SESSION

12 MOTIONS ARISING OUT OF THE CLOSED SESSION

13 ADJOURNMENT

Reeve Konieczny declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Reeve

Acting Chief Administrative Officer